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In re Application of: :  
James W. Robins, et al. :  
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Application No.: 10/693,045 :  
 : Group Art Unit: 1742  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments into the above-identified application. Each of the amendments finds full support in the claims, specification and/or drawings as filed.

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Reply to Office Action Dated: June 1, 2005

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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